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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington D.C. 20554

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CC: 02-6

Please find attached a copy of a letter received from Universal Service Administrative Company. It is in response to a waiver we requested of the Application Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2007 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. I do believe there is a basis for further examination of our request, and therefore am submitting a waiver request to your office. Thank you for taking the time to compassionately review my request.

I have attached the letter I sent explaining the circumstances that led to a waiver request. Briefly stated, we filed both Form 471 deadline date, but it referenced a previous year's Form 470 instead of the 2007 Form 470 that we thought we had filed. Upon discovery of this error, we immediately filed a new 2007 Form 470, corrected the referencing in the 2007 Form 471, and then filed another duplicate 2007 Form 471 28 days later. This second Form 471 fell outside of the deadline window.

We are asking for your compassionate consideration to allow the Form 471 to be within the deadline window. The reasons for this urgent request are listed in the attached letter. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

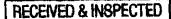
Sincerely,

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## Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2007-2008

July 27, 2007

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Re: Applicant Name:

NETHERLAND REFORMED CHR SCHOOL

Billed Entity Number:

7490

Form 471 Application Number:

587683

Funding Request Number(s):

1630628, 1630629

Your Correspondence Dated:

July 02, 2007

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) received your request for a waiver of the Application Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2007 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit USAC to consider requests for waivers. If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your request, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your waiver request to the FCC. If you are submitting your waiver request via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing a waiver request with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company



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March 3, 2007

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SLD – Form 471 P O Box 7026 Lawrence, Kansas 66044-7026

Dear USAC Representative,

Please find attached a paper (hpy of a new Form 471 that matches a previous Form 471 filed by the Netherlands Reformed Christian School.

This form was originally filed on January 12, 2007. On February 1, we received a phone call from SLC representative Harold W. Kestenbaum stating that the referenced Form 470 was from last year. Immediately I proceeded to provide the correct 470-reference number, and discovered to my surprise that apparently the 470 had not been filed. (I could not find a paper copy and it was not posted.) I immediately filed a new Form 470 electronically, and it was posted on February 2.

The attached paper Form 471 is being filed 28 days after the 470 filed on February 2. Would you <u>please</u> accept our application as presented? Your consideration is cordially requested for the following reasons:

- a. We have been filing these forms for 6 or 8 years already, and have always been on time with our applications.
- b. Our application is only for telephone line expenditures, and contains no projects upon which competing companies would have bid during the typical 28-day period.
- c. We were not aware of the missing Form 470 until we received the phone call from February 1.
- d. It has been a little difficult for us to keep track of the proper procedures especially since there has been a change of people who have been working on the preparation of the applications.
- e. We are a small Christian school funded almost exclusively by donations. Our budget is very tight and the loss of these funds would place a serious burden on our operating expenses.
- f. Both the form 470 and the original 471 were files within the deadline dates. The 471 attached is a copy of the 471 which complies with the 28 day requirement.

Thank you for your understanding and for your hopeful allowance in this matter. I can assure you that this mistake will not be made again. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

John Van Der Brink

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